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I fall a laughing, or I fall aſleep.
Art of Politicks.

To Mr. BAVIUS.

SIR,

CONVERSATION, amongſt men, the ſociable part of the creation, is chiefly ſupported for the ſake of inſtruction and diverſion: and whoever hath the happy talent of contributing at once to both theſe ends, hath obtained the true art of pleaſing in Converſation. Wiſe and learned men of all ages and nations have frequently made uſe of a diverting tale to convey moral inſtruction, and thereby never failed to gain the admiration and applauſe of all people. Now, Sir, as the vulgar ignorant, as well as the more refined thinking part of mankind, are naturally ambitious of imitating what they admire, it is no wonder that ſtory-telling is become ſo general a mode: but it is ſomewhat ſtrange, that ſo very few hit upon the true engaging and delightful method of entertaining an audience in the way, which is capable of being made the moſt agreeable part of Converſation.

The qualifications which form a good *ſtory-teller*, according to the *Intelligencer*, are 'good ſenſe, true humour, a clear head, a ready command of language, and 'a variety of proper geſture.' It is not only very ſeldom, that we meet with all theſe accompliſhments in one perſon, but we often have the misfortune to hear ſtory-tellers without any of them: and, what is a very melancholy reflection, theſe pretenders will not be brought to know, that nothing betrays their want of parts ſo much, as an unſkilfulneſs in this art, whenever they are ſo weak as to endeavour to ſhine in it. I think, Sir, you will deſerve well of the publick, if you can propagate this truth; and many hundreds of the good people of Great Britain will be obliged to you for your pains in this matter: for upon a very fair calculation it appears, that of two thouſand profeſſed ſtory-tellers, there are but four and twenty that are in any wiſe qualified. — It is a moſt grievous thing, that we can have no redreſs by law for the barbarous treatment our ears and underſtandings receive from theſe empty pretenders; who, without any regard to perſons, or place, and with the moſt exalted aſſurance, aſſault our ſenſes and diſturb our peace. I heartily wiſh ſome condign puniſhment was appointed to reſtrain men from theſe inhuman liberties: but as I do not expect that will ſoon be, for ſome reaſons not proper to be here named, I beg your patience whilſt I point out ſome few of the innumerable errors and failings among ſtory-tellers.

The *Intelligencer* hath divided them into ſeveral claſſes, one of which he ſtiles the *Inſipid* or *Soporifick*; very juſtly, as the members of it diffuſe the very quinteſſence of Opium among their hearers. I have known ſeveral people, who were troubled with a *Furor Poeticus*, and other ſorts of deliriums, thrown into a ſound ſleep in fifteen minutes; and a Captain of a man of war, who had borne the roaring of cannons in ſeveral engagements, with a ſingular intrepidity, fairly ſtunned with a broadſide of the empty ſounds of expletives aud digreſſions.

It is very prodigious to think, what an extravagant ſuperfluous expence of words the people of this nation are generally at, for the ſake of lengthening of ſtories, and ſhortening of time; and for the trying of their own breath, and other peoples patience: and it is equally aſtoniſhing, to hear a man play off words inceſſantly for ten minutes and more, without the leaſt appearance of a meaning: and yet this is not more ſtrange than true, I believe I need not fear contradiction. —The ears of many of his Majeſty's well diſpoſed ſubjects, I dare ſay, will tingle at the very remembrance of examples. For my own part, I always tremble, when I hear a ſtory beginning with a *What d'ye think?* — *I'll tell you what*, — and ſuch like uſeleſs *exordiums*. Theſe are certain indications of a very empty head, and a very ſilly ſequel abounding with — *And ſo's* — *And then's* — *And upon that's* — *As I ſaid before* — *And ſo to make ſhort of my ſtory*, with many other ſoporiferous unmeaning expletives. There are ſome of the Inſipids, who, being a very merry empty ſet of animals, inſtead of uſing theſe articulate expletives, ſupply the place of ſenſe with Abderian laughter; performing at once the equally diſagreeable parts of troubleſome impertinent orators, and noiſy auditors, beſtowing upon themſelves the applauſe which their inſenſible hearers omit giving them. If DEMOCRITUS was alive in theſe our unreflecting days, I dare ſay, he would be out of countenance with his philoſophy, after a few evenings converſation with his modern diſciples. The violent and unaccountable eruptions of theſe alert Gentlemen generally raiſe our expectations ſo much, that their ſtories muſt be, what they ſeldom are, very diverting indeed, if they gain a ſmile from any one, except the relaters: and in this only caſe do I conceive HORACE's maxim not to hold good,

Ut ridentibus arrident, *ita flentibus adſunt*
Humani vultus ———

Another diviſion of this Claſs ſeem to think themſelves guilty of a heinous crime, if they omit one ſyllable that belongs to the tranſaction with which they are entertaining us. The ſtrain theſe ſtory-tellers generally run in is — *So ſays I, 'Tis ſo* — *Says he, It is not* — *Says I again, It is* — *Says he, You lye* — *Says I, You lye, &c. &c. &c. &c.*

As diſagreeable as this ſtyle is, I think there is another, peculiar to the fraternity, which equals it; occaſioned by a bad memory, either natural or acquired. They who are naturally forgetful ought nevertheleſs to remember, they are no more qualified for ſtory-telling, than they are for lying. But if a deſire to be taken notice of, will, contrary to reaſon, induce them to utter relations which they have almoſt forgotten; let me beg of them never to ſtrive at being exact, either in the names of perſons, or places, or the dates of time. I was lately with a Gentleman, as unhappy in his memory, as in the itch for ſtory-telling: he amongſt other things informed me, that — *Mr. — what d'ye call him, he that married Mr. — Thingum's daughter* — *why? you know his name well enough* — *I have ſeen you in his company more than twenty times* — *Piſh! why, I can think of his name readily enough ſometimes: but I have the moſt treacherous memory of any mortal, &c.* Thus my friend went on, plaguing both himſelf, and me, half an hour, in recollecting *Mr. what d'ye call him's*, and *Mr. Thingum's* true names; which at the end proved to be of no uſe to ſtory. I do not know a better remedy for this misfortune than may be found in the *Memoria Technica* of our very learned countryman Dr. GREY, to which I refer all perſons having naturally bad memories. — But as ſome become nuſances to company, by having acquired bad memories through heedleſſneſs and unattention, I propoſe they ſhould repeat every ſtory, which they intend to relate, three times together by themſelves, without a blunder, before they preſume to offer it to any company.

In the ſoporifick or inſipid Claſs there is a great party of atheiſtical immoral Creatures; who lengthen their relations with the faſhionable *Dam-me's*, *Rot-me's*, *&c.* I am ſorry to ſay, no expletives are more frequent; and I believe, that moſt people will agree, that they are the moſt arrogant, impertinent, and empty, as well as profane ornaments, that ever appear in converſation. They which I have before mentioned, indeed, are diſagreeable enough, always producing dullneſs, and frequently a lethargy: but theſe laſt are ſhocking and terrible, deſtructive of good manners and religion; and in ſhort, are the utter ruin of laudable ſociety. I think no more needs to be ſaid, with regard to the ſoporifick, inſipid expletives in ſtories.

But before I conclude, I would take notice of ſome ſtories, properly termed expletives in converſation, that are deſpiſed and abhorred by all wiſe men: the ſtories I mean, are the dull relations of as dull lives as ever were ſpent, which proceed from the mouths of the heroes themſelves. This *egotiſm* is very frequently met with amongſt travellers; and begging your pardon, Mr. BAVIUS, more frequently amongſt the illuſtrious Members of your Society, who are indeed the perſons generally pointed at throughout this Letter. Your fair and unprejudiced dealings towards all men, the rebukes and chaſtiſements given to your own fraternity, induce me to believe, that you will acknowledge this obſervation to be juſt; and that you will own it to be an intolerable grievance to be obliged to hear an empty fellow bawl out a long ſeries of nonſence, without receiving the leaſt improvement or diverſion from his harangues; to be acquainted againſt our wills with all his inſipid dull tranſactions, not fit for the even ing amuſements of nurſes and children: and when ſleep has ſometimes kindly relieved our ears, as well as eyes, to be awakened with an *Obſerve ye* — *D'ye mind, &c.* or perhaps, with a luſty jog from an elbow. As for this laſt method of rowzing, I am informed by a very good Lawyer, that it is a breach of his Majeſty's peace, and the laws of this realm; and I am reſolved, and do hereby give notice, that the very next time I am aſſaulted in this way, to bring an Action againſt the perſon who uſes his elbows in this offenſive manner. But, I hope, Sir, you will ſave me this trouble, by iſſuing out ſome neceſſary orders from the *Pegaſus*, for the good abearing of your own Society, and for the entire ſuppreſſion of the joggers, of whatſoever ſtate and degree they are, and thereby you will very much oblige,

Dec. 1, 1531. SIR,

Your very humble ſervant, *A. H.*

———*Ingeniique largitor*
Venter. ———

SIR, *Oxford. Nov.* 17, 1731.

AS your writings ſhew you to be the friend of mankind; they are an encouragement to apply to you in behalf of an injur'd Individual, whoſe caſe is this. Some uncharitable perſons in this Univerſity have more than inſinuated, that the object, Mr. BILSTONE of *All-Souls College*, did maliciouſly, ſlanderouſly, and moved by an evil diſpoſition, publiſh (a day or two ſince) *a few memorials of the life, and ſome obſervations on the writings* of T. HEARNE of *Edmund-Hall*. Theſe, Sir, are hard ſayings, and what the Author's ingenuity was before a ſtranger to. For he is *not aſhamed to own* in the ſaid performance, all evaſion aſide, that his motive ariſes from a much kinder principle; *Auri ſacra fames* was the forcible inducement, — and *conſcientia mille teſtes*, [his motto in the title page] that he ſays true. How ſtrong muſt be the prejudice his enemies have conceived againſt him, when not ſatisfied with this frank declaration, — and for thoſe in *Oxford*, when they ſo well know what the poor man has to live upon. It is but a ſmall Chaplainſhip, a poor pittance for a growing family. But to wave this; there are ſeveral marks in the work itſelf, which plead ſtrongly for its innocence of envy, hatred, and malice, ſeveral marks which 'tis plain the Author was not aware he ſtamped. Before I inſtance, I would aſk, whether had thoſe inhumane qualities moved him to write, he would not have guarded againſt the groſs miſrepreſentation of his ſubject; certainly to lay himſelf open to every boy's obſervation, to be ſo ſurpriſingly unguarded, would defeat ſuch a deſign, his blows rebounding with additional force upon himſelf. But as his only view was *quocunque modo rem*, it mattered not, whether truth guided his quill, if the ſubject of his work was ſo extraordinary as to engage the *totus orbis litterarius* to come in to his ſubſcriptions. Now, with your leave, I would lay before you ſome paſſages, which will admit of no defence, but upon the footing I have been endeavouring to place 'em.

At page 23, 24, 25, we have *a very ſurpriſing Canterbury tale indeed*, that HEARNE ſhould aſſert SPROTT to have flouriſhed in 1274, and to have ſtudied in *Canterbury College*, which was not built 'till 1363. Enough here to make good my point; for, ſays HEARNE, at page 65 of his *Apparatus* to SPROTT '[SPROTTUM] *floruiſſe regnante* EDVARDO *primo, & in ædificio vetuſtiori, Collegio ſimiliter Cantuarienſi appellato, vitam egiſſe mihi videtur. Neque eſt quod putemus monachos Cantuarienſes Oxoniæ ſtuaia litteraria non proſecutos eſſe antequam Collegium ſuum exſtruxerit S. Iſlip.* Here then we find a *Canterbury College*, of a prior erection to *S. Iſlip's*, in which SPROTT might ſtudy, tho' he lived before *S. Iſlip's College* was founded.

Another ſlip of this kind appears in pag. 25, 26, where HEARNE is charged with mentioning WILLIAM of *Wikham* as the perſon petitioned by the Univerſity, *ut illis accommodaret machinas, &c.* whereas it muſt be WILLIAM WAYNFLETE. Granting that it was, what follows from hence? that HERRNE blundered? No; that *our Author* blundered, and Dr. LANGBAINE miſtook; for this paſſage is among ſome notes of the ſaid Doctor's, as appears from a *memorandum* before the notes, *Collections relating to the div. ſchoole and library of the Univ. of Oxon. written by Dr.* LANGBAINE. See *a collect. of curious diſcourſes*, pag. 302, 303. HEARNE for LANGBAINE *was an alteration of no deſign, but only a ſimple, thoughtleſs blunder.*

At page 27, he ſpeaks of an aſſertion of HEARNE's relating to *Univerſity College*, where he makes WILLIAM of *Durham* to have ſtudied in the *Great Hall*. He does ſo but in the ſame place, namely, at page 18 of the Preface to *Hiſt. vitæ & regni Richardi* II. He adds, *teſtatur*

inter alios, (*ne auctoritate defici videar*) JOANNES Rossus, &c. And for that paſſage in Ross, ſee page 101 of his *Hiſtory*.

Page 28, and ſeveral more, are taken up with reflections on HEARNE's publiſhing a letter of CHARLES the Firſt, when Prince of *Wales*. and here his reaſon for publiſhing it is canvaſſed, that is one, and perhaps the leaſt reaſon; for, another of too great conſequence to be mentioned, as what would overthrow the reflections, is paſt over in ſilence. The words are at page 404 of *Hiſt. vitæ & regni Richardi* II. *A Copy of* this letter *I beg leave here faithfully to inſert, to prevent any ſpurious copy, that may, perhaps, otherwiſe be divulged with falſe gloſſes, on purpoſe to blemiſh the reputation of this moſt admirable Prince.* And what if HEARNE knew, that copies of this letter had fallen into the hands of ſome *Fanatics?* How would my friend BILSTONE diſprove it? Not by ſhewing he knew ſo much of the matter as at page 31, to ſpeak of *thoſe Gentlemen* who communicated this letter to the *Antiquary*, and at page 33 of *the Gentleman*.

Once more; at page 48, 49, HEARNE is introduced as endeavouring to prove from a medal of CARAUSIUS, bearing this inſcription, VICTORIA CEA, *that the brogue of the common people is the true ſtandard of the Roman dialect and pronunciation.* HEARNE's obſervations on the coin ſtand thus in the Preface to the 6th volume of *Leland's Itinerary*. *Perhaps in the time of* CARAUSIUS, *the Romans in this Iſle pronounced Cæſar, as if it had been written* CEASAR. *And the Romans might receive this alteration, both in writing and pronunciation, from their mixing with the Britains. The Roman language received the like corruptions from other people which mixed amongſt them.* Now, whereas theſe words expreſs the *Roman* language to be ſo corrupted by mixing with the *Britains*, my friend collects HEARNE's opinion to be, that the *Roman language* ſo corrupted *is the true ſtandard of the Roman dialect and pronunciation.*

But let me obſerve, before I conclude, that beſides the blunders abovementioned, there are ſeveral more, which, would not the tedioufneſs offend, could further prove what I deſign: and without doubt the reflections on more recondite learning, as the reading in *MSS.* and *ſtones*, are as deficient as the foregoing; but they, *like the oracles of the Sibylls repoſed in the Capitol*, are kept from vulgar obſervation.

From theſe inſtances, Sir, the world may be convinced what an object of pity this Gentleman is, whoſe cauſe I am defending. As I have vindicated him from *malice*, let me obviate another objection, that the *vanity of ſhewing his parts* was a prime inducement to his commencing Author. This is ſcarce worth the notice, ſince the above-quoted paſſages, full fraught with human frailties, make this accuſation impoſſible to be credited; tho' indeed ſome expreſſions at page 35, 36, ſeem to go far in proving the allegation, as that he does not doubt but HEARNE *will make a public retractation in his next work, and acknowledge him his friend*, forſooth. Now tho' this may have the face of conceit, as if his *Memoirs* could be worth the anſwering, yet his meaning is no more, than that if *the Antiquary* will deign 'em an anſwer, *that anſwer* will be worth *his* anſwering. And as HEARNE is inflexible in barbarouſly deſpiſing theſe *Memoirs*, and therefore will not anſwer 'em; I am to beg of you, Sir, to recommend to your readers the ſubſcribing to *Bilſtone's anſwer to Bilſtone*, with his picture prefixed, for he propoſes to take up the cudgels againſt himſelf, as DANIEL DE FOE did before him.

I am, Sir, your moſt humble ſervant,

PHIL-BILSTONE.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 2.

Yeſterday his Serene Highneſs the Duke of Lorrain, &c. were entertained in a moſt elegant manner at dinner, by his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, &c. *C.* In a moſt ſumptuous and magnificent. *D P.*

Yeſterday at a Court held at Bridewell, ſeveral criminals were continued, corrected, and diſcharged; after which, Sir John Napier, Bart. formerly nominated, was confirmed a Governor, and the following Gentlemen were admitted, and received their charges as Governors of that and Bethlehem Hoſpital, Walt. Price, Joſ. Taylor, John Pratt, Oliver Martyn, Sam. Child, Eſqs; Mr. Rich. Baily, Mr. Deputy Pitt, Capt. Hodges, and Mr. Mark Holman; who afterwards entertained the Preſident and Governors, at the Caſtle Tavern in Fleet-ſtreet. *D P.*

On tueſday laſt Mr. Thompſon, late Warehouſe-keeper to the Charitable Corporation on Lawrence Pountney's-hill, came to Town, as Mr. Robinſon had done before: this is looked upon as a ſurpriſing turn of affairs, and 'tis believed ſomething extraordinary will be diſcovered. *D P.*

Laſt tueſday at a meeting of the Royal Society for the annual election of their Preſident, Officers, and Council, to continue to S. Andrew's day, 1732, (Scrutators, John Fuller and Temple Stanyan, Eſqs;) the following perſons were continued of the Council, Sir Hans Sloane, Bar. James Bradley, M. A. Aſt. Prof. Sav. Oxon, Martin Folkes, Rog. Gale, John Hadley, Eſqs; Edm. Halley, L. L. D. Aſt. Reg. Charles D. of Richmond, Tho. E. of Macclesfield, John Machin, Aſt. Greſh Prof. Rich. Mead, M. D. Med. Reg. Cromw. Mortimer, M. D. Secr. James Weſt, Eſq; to which were added, Charles L. Cadogan, James Campbell, M. D. Reg. Scot, Mr. Pet. Colliſon, Charles Dubois, Eſq; Sir J. Forteſcue Aland, Kn. Sir Rich. Manningham, Kn. James L. Paiſley, Rob. Paul, Will. Sloane, Eſq. G. Lewis Teſſier, M. D. Med. Reg. ad Famil. From all theſe were the Officers elected: the Preſidentſhip was diſputed by Dr. Sloane and the learned Dr. Mortimer, but carried by a vaſt majority for the former: Mr. Machin and Dr. Mortimer were re-elected Secretaries, and Mr. Rog. Gale Treaſurer. *E P. S J. L E.* — The following Gentlemen were left out of the Council: James Bradley, M. A. &c. Joſ. Andrews, Eſq; the Hon. Geo. Carpenter, Eſq; Mr. John Eames, Sir John Evelyn, Bar. Will. Jones, Eſq; Mr. Iſaac Round, Alex. Stuart, M.D. James Theobald, Eſq; and Mr. Geo. Graham. *W E.*

This day came on a tryal at the Court of King's Bench, on an action brought by one Mr. Lilly, for 1500 l. damage, againſt Capt. Holland for a criminal converſation with his wife: the Jury gave the Plaintiff 100 l. damage. *S J.* Mr. Lilly, a Painter. *W E.* —— *This is* 100 *l. not* damage, *but clear* gain.

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 4.

Yeſterday his Serene Highneſs the Duke of Lorrain was entertained in a very elegant manner at dinner by the E. of Scarborough, &c. *C. P.* —— The ſame evening there was a magnificent ball at the King's Theatre in the Haymarket, at which his Majeſty, his Royal Highneſs the Prince, his ſerene Highneſs the Duke of Lorrain, &c. were preſent, which laſted till 5 in the morning; every thing being ordered with the utmoſt grandeur and decency, as has been known on the like occaſion. *C.* Laſt thurſday his Majeſty, &c. were at the maſquerade. *D P.* Which ended at 7. *D P. Dec.* 4.

The R. Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury were pleaſed yeſterday to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Managers for taking in the tickets of the late Lottery, and delivering out certificates in lieu thereof, viz. Mark Frecker, Chriſt. Rhodes, Rob. Manning, Edw. S. Hill, Tho. Baynton, Matth. Kenrick, Mallory Pearſon, Rich. Hammond, Eſqrs; *C.*

Yeſterday a man was to hop 100 yards at 50 hops, in the Mall in S. James's Park, for a good ſum of money, which he performed in 46. *P.*

Cambridge, Dec. 1. We hear that the great and learned Dr. Bentley has ſent his Manilius to the preſs; and that it is in ſuch forwardneſs, that it may be publiſhed about the meeting of the Parliament. —— The friends of a certain famous Critick here, have employed all perſons, who they think have any influence with him, to perſwade him from publiſhing his much-talked-of performance on one of our great Engliſh Poets. —— The learned talk here, that the world is to be entertained, very ſoon, with a curious work, called *Milton's Paradiſe deſtroy'd*; and its thought by the Criticks here, that it will afford more ſpeculation for the publick, than either *Milton's Paradiſe Loſt*, or *Regain'd*, ever did. *D J.* —— The Criticks obſerve, that in one of the *Courants* we read *Ædituus ſocer*, inſtead of *ſacer*; which they deſire may be corrected, ſome drolling wits reading it *ſoker*. *C.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 4.

Yeſterday morning, between 10 and 11, came on at the King's Bench Bar, Weſtminſter, before the L. C. J. Raymond, the tryal of Mr. Francklin, for printing and publiſhing the Craftſman of the 2d of January, wherein was the Hague Letter: the Council for the King were the Attorney and Sollicitor General, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Wills, and Mr. Parker: and for Mr. Francklin, were Mr. Bootle, Mr. Noel, Mr. Fazakerley, Mr. Strange, Mr. Forſter, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Bootle, jun. About 5 in the afternoon, the Jury withdrew, and (by conſent of the Council on both ſides) took with them the Craftſman which had been given into Court, and after a ſhort ſtay, brought him [Mr. Francklin] in guilty. The Jury were, Tho. Milner of S. Andrew's Holbourn, Eſq; Geo. Short of Clerkenwell, Eſq; Tho. Allen of Finchley, Eſq; Jac. Harvey of Iſlington, Eſq; Hen. Norris of Grove-ſtreet, Eſq; Sam. Tyſſon of Hackney, Eſq; Will. Tillard of Norton Folgate, Eſq; T. Moore of Queen-ſquare, Eſq; Phil. Baker of King-ſtreet, Eſq; Joſh. Jackſon of Prince's-ſtreet, Eſq; Wm. Turner of the ſame, Eſq; John Wilſon of Wilſdon, Eſq; —— Col. Wingfield was called, but was challenged by the Defendant, who ſhewing cauſe, he was ſet aſide. There were preſent, the Marq. of Beaumont, the E. of Nottingham and Winchelſea, the E. of Coventry, the L. Viſc. Limerick, Sir Wm. Wyndham, Sir Jer. Sambroke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Seawen, Mr. Furneſe, Mr. Oglethorpe, and Mr. Robinſon, Sir Will. Young, Ald. Barber, Mr. Kelſal, and other perſons of diſtinction. *L E.* —— There was the moſt numerous concourſe of people in the Hall, that had ever been ſeen upon ſuch an occaſion; who upon the verdict, with one voice cried out, *King* GEORGE *for ever; no Faction, no ſpreaders of falſe news. C. S J.* —— *I wiſh my* Brothers *had practiſed the laſt clauſe of this good doctrine, which I was ſo unhappy as not to hear, tho' in Court. The number in the* Hall, *excluſive of thoſe in* Court, *I am aſſured, was about* 200: *of which a ſelect Party, near twice the number of the* Jury, with one voice, *uttered ſome loud inarticulate ſounds.*

We hear from Blandford, that Tho. Lewis, Eſq; did, in July laſt ſend 100 guineas to the poor ſufferers, who now make this acknowledgment. *C.*

Yeſterday a prize was fought, at the French Theatre in the Hay-Market, betwee Mr. Figg and Mr. Sparks; at which performance his Serene Highneſs the Duke of Lorrain, &c. were preſent; when the beauty and judgment of the ſword was *delineated* in a very extraordinary manner by thoſe 2 Champions, and with very little bloodſhed. *C.* — Mr. Figg cut Mr. Sparks croſs the Belly, and gained the day with great applauſe. *P.*

Laſt night his Serene Highneſs the Duke of Lorrain, the Prince of Wales, &c. were at a lodge of Free-Maſons at the Devil Tavern Temple-Bar, where they were handſomely entertained by the Brethren. *D P.*

On tueſday John Frederick, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; was married to Mrs. Somerſet, a Lady of 10,000 l. fortune. —— The Gentleman and his Lady, who had lately a tryal in Doctor's-Commons are gone down to Wiltſhire, to cohabit together. *D P.*

Sir, I having put into practice the ingenious invention for making a perpetual motion, as is publiſhed in the *Daily Advertiſer* of laſt monday, by one Mr. *Andrew Bruce*, an half-pay land Officer; and having found the ſame to anſwer to the utmoſt perfection, words are not capable to expreſs my ſatisfaction for this ſo great and uſeful a diſcovery. *Yours*, &c. *Peter Voltinie.*

Whereas there has been lately collected in the contiguous pariſhes of Portſmouth and Portſea, in the former about the ſum of 170 l. and in the latter about 56 l. for the relief of the ſufferers by the late terrible fires at Blandford and Tiverton; and theſe charities have been proportionably tranſmitted to the ſaid ſufferers by Mr. Norman, the Non-conformiſt Teacher in Portſmouth, (contrived by the late ſupreme Magiſtrate there) and for which the ſaid Teacher has received the thanks of the truſtees for the ſaid ſufferers, as if the ſaid charity had been collected amongſt the Diſſenters only: they therefore who are ſincere Members of the Church of England (renowned all the world over for her munificence to the diſtreſſed) think it incumbent upon them to let the world know, that the far major part of the charitable collection (ſo conveyed and remitted) is the hearty contribution of honeſt and ſincere Churchmen, and affectionately pray, that it may be applied to the good purpoſes they intended it for. *L E.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 6.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Pearce preached before their Majeſties, his Roy. l Highneſs the Prince, &c. and the Rev. Dr. Cockburn before his Royal Highneſs the Duke, &c. *C.* — His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Lord Effingham Howard to be Deputy Earl Marſhal of England. *P.* —— And to order his Conge d'Elire to the Dean and Chapter of S. Aſaph, for their electing the Rev. Dr. Tho. Tanner to be Biſhop of that See. *C. D P. D J.*

The Lords of the Treaſury have appointed Mr. Tho. Lloyd of Langoedmarer in Cardiganſhire, to be Receiver General of Cardigan, Pembrook, Carmarthen, and Glamorganſhire, in South Wales. —— The Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms have appointed Mr. Tho. Pugh to be ſearcher of the Port of Aberyſtwith in Cardiganſhire. *P.*

Yeſterday the Duke of Newcaſtle ſet out for his ſeat at Halland in Suſſex. *D P.* This day their Graces ſet out. *P.*

The Rev. Mr. White was lately made one of the Prebendaries of Exeter. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 7.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to create the R. Hon. Francis Howard, Baron of Effingham, Earl of Effingham. *D J.*

Laſt night his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Lorrain was at the Drawing-room at S. James's, when there appeared a vaſt number of Nobility and Gentry to take their leave of him. *D J.*

Laſt thurſday night the R. Hon. the Lord Naſſau Powlet, Brother to the Duke of Bolton, was married at the Lady Powletts in Great Marlborough-ſtreet, to the Lady Iſabella Tufton, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of the late Earl of Thanet. *D P.*

James Smith, Eſq; Son to —— Smith, Eſq; late Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, died laſt ſaturday at Tedworth in Wiltſhire. *C.* On ſunday at Andover in Hampſhire. *P.* Col. Smith. *P. D P.*

Laſt ſunday night a Country man came to lodge at the Star inn in Wydon-ſtreet, by Chancery-lane, and having about 30 guineas in his pocket, deſired the Landlord to

put him in a safe room, which was done accordingly; but there being 2 beds in the room, a Gentleman, who was to lie in one of them, came with the Chamberlain to the door, which was locked within side, and knocking hard, so terrified the Countryman, who took them for thieves, that he dressed himself, and threw himself out of the window, 2 pair of stairs high, by which he broke his leg, and bruised himself very much: he was yesterday morning carried to S. Bartholomew's hospital. *D P.*

Last thursday a person having took a house in Mint-street, in the Mint, Southwark, found under the cellar-stairs, a human body: the said house was last tenanted by one Austin, since dead, who used to harbour people of very ill character, and let out lodgings for 2 pence a night, *D P.*

About 7 last night, a Gentleman was stopt at the upper end of the Meuse, Charing-cross, by 2 young lads, who robbed him of his watch, and about 15 s. *D J.*

Norwich, Dec. 4. On tuesday last, Mr. Tho. Churchman was unanimously chosen Alderman of S. Giles's Ward, and on wednesday he was sworn in; on which account, the greatest rejoycings were made throughout the whole Ward; it being to the utmost satisfaction of all the honest loyal inhabitants thereof, that there was no faction strong enough to oppose a Churchman. A happiness to be wished not only to every Ward of this City, but to every City in the Kingdom. *P.*

We are informed by Letters from Killeah and Stanford, that 17 men and women were lost late at night, out of the boat which constantly carries passengers between those two Towns and Portaferry; but how it happened, is the admiration of every one; for when the boat came on shoar she was dry, and several goods with a gun and hat were found lying safe in her bottom. None of the Passengers, except an old woman holding her stick in one hand, and a pipe in the other, have been found. *W E.*

We hear there were three or four Tryals of Mr. Franklin taken at length on friday last in short hand; but as the Tryal was very long, it is impossible to publish the same under a month at soonest, for it is computed it will make above twenty sheets when printed in folio; so that those things lately advertised under the name of a tryal, are calculated to impose on the publick, and contain no more of the Tryal, than what is either taken from the New-Papers, or invented. *L E.*

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 8.

Yesterday the King's Grooms delivered in six fine horses at Count Kinski's, which his Majesty had been pleased to present to his Serene Highness the Duke of Lorrain, which are very finely accoutred, and valued at 300 Guineas each; and his Serene Highness has taken into his service three English Grooms, who are to have the care of them. *C.*

Last night his Royal Highness the Duke gave a Ball in her Royal Highness the Princess Mary's Apartment, to several young persons of the first Quality, on account of the birth day of his sister, the Princess Louisa, at which their Majesties were present; when his Royal Highness the Duke opened the Ball with her Royal Highness the Princess Mary, and afterwards danced with most of the Ladies present The Princess Louisa then entered into the seventh year of her age. *Ibid.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

We are told, that a certain Jury, after they had done their business one day last week, supped very elegantly upon a Calves-head, and other curious dishes.

Some Observations upon two Letters printed in our two last were read, but being too long to be inserted in our *Journal* of this week, we are obliged to defer the publication. In the mean time, if any *Old England Nonjuring Priest*, or any *New England swearing Presbyterian Parson*, will communicate any thing to us, we shall pay an equal regard to them, whom we believe to be equally Friends to our present happy establishment.

We are informed, that the Military Gentleman, who being challenged last week by a little Bookseller, immediately retreated, did not, as has been falsely reported, give his verdict before he was sworn: he having devoutly sworn, *By* G—d *he would do all he could to hang him.*

Mr. BAVIUS,

On reading your receipt to make an Epigram, in your Journal of the 25th of last month, I was desirous of trying my skill that way; and first, I began with a translation of your own Latin Epigram on Dr. B——y's *Homer*, which was lately preserved from the fire. I own, I have not done justice to the original; but I hope, as a good Master encourages a promising Scholar, you will be a little indulgent to me. I have likewise sent you an original of my own; and from both you will see what a fair title I have to be admitted a Grubean: however, dear BAVY, if you can possibly prevail on yourself to praise me, do; for I am very fond of applause. I am a student of the Middle-Temple; and, egad, if my Father should know, that I read *Homer* or *Pope*, I should receive no more remittances; you shall therefore hear from me hereafter in the name of

Dec. 3. 1731. WONDER.

P. S. You are, Sir, at full liberty, without any danger of offending me, to add to, or diminish, whatever I shall send you.

On Dr. B——y's *Homer*, which was preserv'd from fire.

While o'er my page dogmatic B——y stands,
The flame prepares to snatch me from his hands:
But fortune envy'd, when she saw my joys,
And in a moment all my hopes destroys:
From the kind purpose of the fire I'm torn,
And to the wretched lot of MILTON borne.

EPIGRAM II.

Says *W— d* to *C ke*, o'er a glass of good ale,
(The liquor they drink, when they want to regale,)
How long have we batter'd our brains with the hope
To raise our own fame, and to pull down the POPE?
Yet he, as the *Roman* the Church of *Rome* guides,
Still Chief o'er the band of the *Muses* presides:
In vain to the world our * Epistles we send,
For the more we condemn, the more they commend.
True, crys the Translator of *H——d*. What then,
With a hickup, says t'other, shan't I print agen?
Says *C— ke*, who, 'tis said, has most wit of the two,
Dear Brother, I this wou'd advise you to do;
Since in vain you've attack'd with satirical lays,
I'd have you resolve to assault him with praise.
With a hickup again, and a horrid grim look,
Friend, none of your jokes, says *W——d* to *C——ke*.

* Written by *W— —d* and *C——ke*, and published by *M re.*

Puff, Puff, Puff: Will you buy any Stuff?

We are informed that Hyp-Doctor to morrow will answer the Craftsman's Challenge, &c. never yet done by any Advocate of the Ministry. *D J. Sept.* 6. ——We hear that the last Hyp-Doctor having treated of the Bank Contract and Screen to the universal satisfaction of the Town, &c. *D J. Sept.* 13 —— We hear from Whites, that the Hyp-Doctor to morrow will historically demonstrate the difference of P's case, &c. *D J. Oct.* 4. —— We hear from the East-India Coffee house in Change Alley, that the Hyp-Doctor to morrow will turn Cato's letters in the last Craftsman upon him, &c. *D J. Oct.* 11. —— We hear from the Cocoa-tree in Pall Mall, the Hyp-Doctor to morrow will finish the perpetual Almanack against the Ministry, as a comment on Calebism. (the last having been relished by the Town) &c. *D J. Oct.* 18. ——We hear from Whites, that the Hyp-Doctor to-morrow will publish the Duke of Lorrain's Answer to the Craftsman and Fog, from his own manuscript, &c. *D J. Oct.* 25. —— We hear To-morrow's Hyp-Doctor, will answer the Craftsman's challenge on the case of the liberty of the press, in law, a point as yet unconsidered. *D J. Nov.* 1. —We hear from Richard's Coffee-house in Fleet-street, that To-morrow's Hyp-Doctor will publish a Letter on the Papists, being the Authors of all objections and writings against the Government. *D J. Nov.* 8. —— We hear the Oratory Subject To-morrow evening will be entirely new, &c. *D J. Nov.* 9. —— We hear that the Oratory Subjects will be *new*, on sunday next, the Town having given particular encouragement and subscriptions to those of the last lectures. *D J. Nov.* 12. —— We hear that To-morrow's Hyp-Doctor will be a new Address to the Citizen's Wives, on King William's Statue, &c. *D J. Nov.* 5. —— We hear that on the increasing encouragement of the Town, the Oratory Subjects next Sunday will be new, &c *D J. Nov.* 19.—— We hear from Will's Coffee house against Lincoln's-Inn, that the Hyp Doctor, who is confessed to have answered Fog and Caleb with the cleanest cut of reason and raillery, will To morrow entertain the Town, &c. *D J. Nov.* 22. —— We hear, at the desire of the Subscribers, these NEW subjects will on sunday next be discoursed upon in the Oratory, &c. *D J. Nov.* 26 —— We hear from Pall Mall, that the Hyp-Doctor To-morrow will be, &c. *D J. Nov.* 29. —— We hear that the Oratory lectures on sunday evenings, meet with that general encouragement, that, &c. *D J. Dec.* 3. —— We hear the Hyp-Doctor To-morrow will try Mr. F——n over again, to do the job better, if he can, than the Bootle-play with No-ill meaning, by that O Strange Taylor F————ly. *D J. Dec.* 6. —— We hear, notwithstanding all detraction, the whole trial of Mr. Franklin is in the Hyp-Doctor. *D J. Dec.* 8. —— N. B. We, *according to* Mr. Orator's Grammar, *is a* Person *of the singular number, who is always his own* Auditor.

Edinburgh, Nov. 25. Last week a barbarous and unnatural young woman came to the door of the old Kirk of this City, and there brought forth a child, which she left on the street, in the very circumstances it came into the world; but the babe crying out, alarmed the neighbourhood, who took it up, and dress'd the same; and soon after, upon search, found the mother, and secured her, whose name is Hellen Haffie, born in Lanark; and she has confessed her guilt. *C P. Dec.* 2. —— *Great Guilt indeed in only brooking her name.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 2.

Yesterday arrived 2 *Mails from* Flanders, *and* 1 *from* France.

Paris, Dec. 5. The Actions are fallen from 1700 to 1650 livres *D P. D J.* —— *Dec.* 6. They write from Florence, that the Grand Duke had received Don Carlos with abundance of respect and favour. *S J.* —— *Dec.* 8. The exiled Advocates are recalled, and the King, upon a memorial which the body of Advocates had presented to his Majesty, granted them an arret of Council. *E P.* —— *The* G. Duke has received him, *it seems, before he is* come.

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 3.

Extract of a private letter from Paris. —— Since it is known that the King of Sardinia has taken 300 Imperialists into his service, and shews a ready disposition to enter into the treaty of Vienna; our Ministers are alarmed; and his most Christian Majesty cannot, without the utmost chagrin, see his Grandfather, King Victor Amadeus, treated in so discourtly a manner. This has occasioned the French Ministry to order 25,000 men to march with all speed to the frontiers of Dauphine and Savoy. There is a secret alliance forming (if not formed) between their most Christian and Catholick Majesties, to succour King Victor Amadeus, as soon as the Infante Duke is settled in Italy. —The English ship taken by Monsieur Quelus, has been carried into Marseilles, under pretence that there were 30 Sallee men on board her, with whom France is at war; and that the Cargo belongs to those of Sallee, to whom the English lent their colours. *P.*

Extract of another private letter from Paris. —There is now handed about in secret, a written letter, by way of *factum*, or manifesto, in favour of King Victor Amadeus, which says, he is as vigorous both in body and mind as ever he was in his life. Soon after his abdication he perceived some things in his son, which his paternal love, or want of opportunity, had concealed from him before: he admonished King Charles Emanuel, that his Ministers abused his easiness; that the people suffered by it; and that the neighbouring Powers were very much displeased. To these remonstrances no attention was given: on the contrary, affronts were offered to King Victor, and more to the Marchioness del Spigno, his wife: things were carried so far, that the old Monarch, who had always a magnanimous spirit, could not forbear seeking occasion to restore order in his territories: he could not undertake it by force of arms: he had no way but what was subterraneous: he made an attempt, and miscarried. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 4.

Yesterday arrived the Mail from Holland.

Ratisbon, Dec. 3. 'Tis confirmed, that the Prussian Minister has received a rescript from the King his Master, dated Nov. 23, with orders to declare to the Minister of Saltzbourg, that unless a stop be put to the persecution of the Protestants in that Province, the Evangelick Powers will be obliged to use reprisals with the Roman Catholicks in their states. *D P. D J.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 6.

Hague, Dec. 11. The States of the Province of Holland are returned with the approbation of their towns, as to their denial of admitting the Prince of Orange Frize into the Council of State; and very probably there will be no further steps taken therein at present. *C. D J.*

Parma, Nov. 14. The march of the 2000 Spaniards which are to be quartered in this Dutchy, has been suspended, of which the Marq. de Montelcon has sent an account by express to the Duke of Liria at Vienna. *D J.*

TEUSDAY, *Dec.* 7.

Yesterday arrived the Mail from France.

Paris, Dec. 12. N. S. 'Tis written from Narbonne, that the Infante Don Carlos having received advice upon the road, that the Grand Duke of Tuscany was indisposed, he hastened his Journey; that upon the 26th past he lay at Boulou, the 27th, he dined and lay at Perpignan, and the 28th at Salses. It was computed, that he would be but 5 days in crossing Languedoc; and that he will embarque at Antibes the 14th or 15th inst. if the wind proves fair. There are near 500 persons in his Royal Highnes's Retinue, 900 horses and 1 mules, 75 chaises with 2 horses, 8 coaches with 4 mules, 4 coaches with 6 mules, and a great number of covered waggons. ——The 6th the marriage of the Prince of Conti with Mademoiselle de Chartre, the youngest Princess of Orleans was declared, *C. &c.*

Frankfort, Dec. 5. According to their last accounts from Saltzburg, they proceed severely in execution of the late Ordonnance, pursuant to which, above 500 have been already pack'd off, twice so many more are daily expected, and a much greater number: that the distress of the poorer sort, who are obliged to seek new habitations on the approach of winter, without a penny to bless themselves, is what shocks even the Imperial Ministers, who, 'tis assur'd, have wrote to the Emperor on that subject, from whose clemency 'tis hoped, they may find some relief. *D P.*

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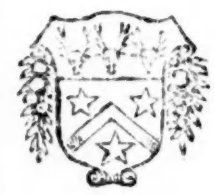

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